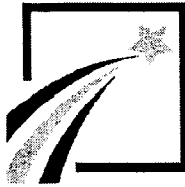


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***National  
Environmental  
Achievement Track***

***Application Form***

Best Washington Uniform Supply, Inc.

Name of facility

Name of parent company (if any)

1347 Redondo Ave.

Street address

street address

Street address (continued)

Long Beach, CA 90804

City/State/Zip code

Give us information about your contact person for the  
National Environmental Achievement Track Program.

Name Kathleen Thurmond

Title President

Phone 562-498-6626

Fax 562-494-5342

E-mail bestwash@mindspring.com

***Why do we need this information?***

EPA needs background information on your facility to evaluate your application.

***What do you need to do?***

- Provide background information on your facility.
- Identify your environmental requirements.

# Section A

***Tell us about your facility.***

1 What do you do or make at your facility?

We are an industrial uniform laundry that provides a rental service that includes providing uniforms and ancillary products along with laundry service, pick up and delivery of garments

2 List the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code(s) or North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes that you use to classify business at your facility.

SIC  
7218

NAICS

3 Does your company meet the Small Business Administration definition of a small business for your sector?

☒ Yes

☐ No

4 How many employees (full-time equivalents) currently work at your facility?

☒ Fewer than 50

☐ 50-99

☐ 100-499

☐ 500-1,000

☐ More than 1,000

## Section A, continued

5 Does your facility have an EPA ID number(s)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, list in the right-hand column.

EPA#CAL000032062

6 Identify the environmental requirements that apply to your facility. Use the Environmental Requirements Checklist, at the back of the instructions, as a reference. List your requirements to the right **or** enclose a completed Checklist with your application.

7 Check the appropriate box in the right-hand column.

☐ I've listed the requirements above.

☒ I've enclosed the Checklist with my application.

8 Optional: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your facility?

Since I have taken over the leadership of Best Washington I have been very committed to pollution prevention and have been an environmental leader in my industry. I have been involved in a P2 project, EMS project with Region 9, and am a Merit Partnership for Pollution Prevention Steering Committee member. I invited US EPA Headquarters staff to my facility and shared my P2 pollution experiences with them as they were developing regulatory guidance for the laundry industry.

### ***Why do we need this information?***

Facilities must have an operating Environmental Management System (EMS) that meets certain requirements.

### ***What do you need to do?***

- Confirm that your EMS meets the Achievement Track requirements.
- Tell us if you have completed a self-assessment or have had a third-party assessment of your EMS.

# Section B

*Tell us about your EMS.*

1 Check **yes** if your EMS meets the requirements for each element below as defined in the instructions.

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| a. Environmental policy           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| b. Planning                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| c. Implementation and operation   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| d. Checking and corrective action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| e. Management review              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes |

2 Have you completed at least one EMS cycle (plan-do-check-act)? ☒ Yes

3 Did this cycle include both an EMS and a compliance audit? ☒ Yes

4 Have you completed an objective self-assessment or third-party assessment of your EMS? ☒ Yes

If yes, what method of EMS assessment did you use?

☒ Self-assessment

☐ GEMI

☒ Other

☐ CEMP

We do an informal self assessment as we monitor various objective throughout the year and a more thorough assessment in conjunction with the 3rd party assessment.

☒ Third-party assessment

☐ ISO 14001 Certification

☒ Other I worked with several consultants

and EPA Region 9

### ***Why do we need this information?***

Facilities must show that they are committed to improving their environmental performance. This means that you can describe past achievements and will make future commitments.

### ***What do you need to do?***

Refer to the Environmental Performance Table in the instructions to answer questions 1 and 2.

# Section C

***Tell us about your past achievements and future commitments.***

- 1 Describe your past achievements for at least two environmental aspects. If you need more space than is provided, attach copies of this page.

**Note to small facilities:** If you qualify as a small facility as defined in the instructions, you are required to report past achievement for at least one environmental aspect.

### ***First aspect you've selected***

What aspect have you selected?	What was the previous level (2 years ago)?		What is the current level?	
	Quantity	Units	Quantity	Units
Reduce Wastewater Discharge Volume	1,227,564 1996	gallons per month	843,813 2000	gallons per month
<p>i. How is the current level an improvement over the previous level?</p> <p>Our quantity of garments has increased and the type of garment being washed requires more water. With this change we have still been able to reduce our water use. We are currently in the process of normalizing our data because we have had a significant increase in production and a significant change in our product mix. As a result our water use has increased from lower levels reached in 1998.</p> <p>ii. How did you achieve this improvement?</p> <p>We reorganized the laundry to reduce hours of operation and increase efficiencies. We also switched from powdered detergent to liquid detergent which requires less water. We have also made a decision to purchase a new washer that will enable us to wash more efficiently and therefore reduce water use even further.</p>				

## Section C, continued

### Second aspect you've selected

What aspect have you selected?	What was the previous level (2 years ago)?		What is the current level?	
	Quantity	Units	Quantity	Units
i. How is the current level an improvement over the previous level?				
ii. How did you achieve this improvement?				

- 2 Select at least four environmental aspects (no more than two from any one category) from the Environmental Performance Table in the instructions and then tell us about your future commitments. If you need more space than is provided, attach copies of this section.

**Note to small facilities:** If you are a small facility, you are required to make commitments for at least two environmental aspects in two different categories.

### First aspect you've selected

- a. What is the aspect? Reduce or minimize electricity use per hundred weight of laundry.
- b. Is this aspect identified as significant in your EMS? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. What is the current level? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.
- ☐ Option A: Absolute value (Quantity/Units)
- ☒ Option B: In terms of units of production or output 12.5581kwh/cwt (Quantity/Units)

d. What is the improvement you are committing to over the next three years? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.

☐ Option A:  
Absolute value

(Quantity/Units)

☒ Option B:  
In terms of  
units of production  
or output

12.25kwh/cwt to be  
normalized by weight  
and product type  
(Quantity/Units)

e. How will you achieve this improvement?

1. Schedule an audit with Southern California Edison. 2. Investigate converting our 240 electrical service to 480. 3. Investigate Title 24 regulations and determine payback time in converting to more efficient lighting. 4. Implement new purchasing consideration of energy efficient equipment.

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## Second aspect you've selected

a. What is the aspect?

Reduce use of natural gas per hundred weight of laundry produced.

b. Is this aspect identified as significant in your EMS?

☒ Yes ☐ No

c. What is the current level? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.

☐ Option A:  
Absolute value

(Quantity/Units)

☒ Option B:  
In terms of  
units of production  
or output

4.6701/therms  
(Quantity/Units)

d. What is the improvement you are committing to over the next three years? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.

☐ Option A:  
Absolute value

(Quantity/Units)

☒ Option B:  
In terms of  
units of production  
or output

4.43/therms to be  
normalized for weight  
and product type  
(Quantity/Units)

e. How will you achieve this improvement?

1. Investigate the purchase of newer, more efficient washers. 2. Investigate the purchase of a more efficient boiler. 3. Investigate the need for reinsulation of all steam and water pipes. Reinsulate as needed. 4. Repair all steam traps.



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### **Third aspect you've selected**

- a. What is the aspect?
- b. Is this aspect identified as significant in your EMS? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. What is the current level? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.
- ☐ Option A: Absolute value (Quantity/Units)
- ☐ Option B: In terms of units of production or output (Quantity/Units)
- d. What is the improvement you are committing to over the next three years? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.
- ☐ Option A: Absolute value (Quantity/Units)
- ☐ Option B: In terms of units of production or output (Quantity/Units)
- e. How will you achieve this improvement?

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### **Fourth aspect you've selected**

- a. What is the aspect?
- b. Is this aspect identified as significant in your EMS? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. What is the current level? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.
- ☐ Option A: Absolute value (Quantity/Units)
- ☐ Option B: In terms of units of production or output (Quantity/Units)
- d. What is the improvement you are committing to over the next three years? You may choose to state this as an absolute value or in terms of units of production or output.
- ☐ Option A: Absolute value (Quantity/Units)
- ☐ Option B: In terms of units of production or output (Quantity/Units)

e. How will you achieve this improvement?

### *Why do we need this information?*

Facilities must demonstrate their commitment to public outreach and performance reporting. You should have appropriate mechanisms in place to identify community concerns, to communicate with the public, and to provide information on your environmental performance.

# Section D

*Tell us about your public outreach and reporting.*

### *What do you need to do?*

- Describe your approach to public outreach.
- List three references who are familiar with your facility.

1 How do you identify and respond to community concerns?

We send an annual letter to customers updating them regarding changes and improvements in the business including environmental updates. It is also our policy to respond quickly and thoroughly to community inquiries. This information is documented and placed in our EMS file.

2 How do you inform community members of important matters that affect them?

As the need arises, a special letter is sent to customers regarding important matters. Best Washington also received a proclamation at a televised City Council Meeting acknowledging its environmental accomplishments. We hope to have this opportunity again in the future. Finally, I have given presentations at several public forums and environmental conferences regarding our EMS project.

3 How will you make the Achievement Track Annual Performance Report available to the public?

- ☐ Website [www](http://www).
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Open Houses
- ☒ Other

Highlights of our annual performance will be reported to customers in our annual letter and newsletter. Our website will be developed this year and will also contain updated information regarding our progress.

- 4 Are there any ongoing citizen suits against your facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe briefly in the right-hand column.

- 5 List references below

	Organization	Name	Phone number
Representative of a Community/ Citizen Group	Clean Air Now	James Provenzano Executive Vice President	310-472-8633
State/Local Regulator	L.A. County Sanitation District	Ann Heil Chemical Engineer, Industrial Waste Section	562-699-7411 ext. 2950
Other community/local reference	First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles (FAME)	Sheila Reed Project Manager, Environmental Protection Dept.	323-730-9194

# Section E

## Application and Participation Statement.

On behalf of Best Washington Uniform Supply, Inc.  
[my facility],

I certify that

- I have read and agree to the terms and conditions, as specified in the *National Environmental Achievement Track Program Description* and in the *Application Instructions*;
- I have personally examined and am familiar with the information contained in this Application (including, if attached, the Environmental Requirements Checklist). The information contained in this Application is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, true, accurate, and complete, and I have no reason to believe the facility would not meet all program requirements;
- My facility has an environmental management system (EMS), as defined in the Achievement Track EMS requirements, including systems to maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements, in place at the facility, and the EMS will be maintained for the duration of the facility's participation in the program;
- My facility has conducted an objective assessment of its compliance with all applicable federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements, and the facility has corrected all identified instances of potential or actual noncompliance;
- Based on the foregoing compliance assessment and subsequent corrective actions (if any were necessary), my facility is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, currently in compliance with applicable federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements.

I agree that EPA's decision whether to accept participants into or remove them from the National Environmental Achievement Track is wholly discretionary, and I waive any right that may exist under any law to challenge EPA's acceptance or removal decision.

I am the senior facility manager and fully authorized to execute this statement on behalf of the corporation or other legal entity whose facility is applying to this program.

Signature/Date

*Kathleen Thurmond 11-3-00*

Printed Name/Title Kathleen Thurmond, President

Facility Name Best Washington Uniform Supply, Inc.

Facility Street Address 1347 Redondo Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90804

Facility ID Numbers EPA#CAL000032062

## National Environmental Achievement Track

### *Environmental Requirements Checklist*

The following Checklist is provided to assist facilities in answering Section A, "Tell us about your facility," Question 6. The Checklist is given to help facilities identify the major federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements applicable at their facilities. The Checklist is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all environmental requirements that may be applicable at an individual facility.

If you use this Checklist and choose to submit it with your application, fill in your facility information below and enclose the completed Checklist with your application (see instructions).

**Facility Name** Best Washington Uniform Supply, Inc.  
**Facility Location:** 1347 Redondo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804  
**Facility ID Number(s):** EPA#CAL000032062  
*(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

#### Air Pollution Regulations

1. National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR 61)
2. Permits and Registration of Air Pollution Sources
3. General Emission Standards, Prohibitions and Restrictions
4. Control of Incinerators
5. Process Industry Emission Standards
6. Control of Fuel Burning Equipment
7. Control of VOCs
8. Sampling, Testing and Reporting
9. Visible Emissions Standards
10. Control of Fugitive Dust
11. Toxic Air Pollutants Control
12. Vehicle Emissions Inspections and Testing

Check All  
That Apply

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**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Air Pollution Regulations Not Listed Above**  
(identify)

- 13.
- 14.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Hazardous Waste Management Regulations

1. Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 261)
  - Characteristic Waste
  - Listed Waste
2. Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 262)
  - Manifesting

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

- Pre-transport requirements ☐
- Record keeping/reporting ☐
- 3. Standards Applicable to Transporters of Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 263)
  - Transfer facility requirements ☐
  - Manifest system and record-keeping ☐
  - Hazardous waste discharges ☐
- 4. Standards for Owners and Operators of TSD Facilities (40 CFR 264)
  - General facility standards ☐
  - Preparedness and prevention ☐
  - Contingency plan and emergency procedures ☐
  - Manifest system, Record keeping and reporting ☐
  - Groundwater protection ☐
  - Financial requirements ☐
  - Use and management of containers ☐
  - Tanks ☐
  - Waste piles ☐
  - Land treatment ☐
  - Incinerators ☐
- 5. Interim Status Standards for TSD Owners and Operators (40 CFR 265) ☐
- 6. Interim Standards for Owners and Operators of New Hazardous Waste Land Disposal Facilities (40 CFR 267) ☐
- 7. Administered Permit Program (Part B) (40 CFR 270) ☐

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Hazardous Waste Management Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

- 8. ☐
- 9. ☐

**Hazardous Materials Management**

- 1. Control of Pollution by Oil and Hazardous Substances (33 CFR 153) ☐
- 2. Designation of Reportable Quantities and Notification of Hazardous Materials Spill (40 CFR 302) ☐
- 3. Hazardous Materials Transportation Regulations (49 CFR 172-173) ☐
- 4. Worker Right-to-Know Regulations (29 CFR 1910.1200) ☐
- 5. Community Right-to-Know Regulations (40 CFR 350-372) ☐

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Hazardous Materials Management Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

- 6. ☐
- 7. ☐

**Solid Waste Management**

- 1. Criteria for Classification of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices (40 CFR 257) ☐
- 2. Permit Requirements for Solid Waste Disposal Facilities ☐
- 3. Installation of Systems of Refuse Disposal ☐

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|---|--------------------------|
| 4. Solid Waste Storage and Removal Requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Disposal Requirements for Special Wastes     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Solid Waste Management Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

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|----|--------------------------|
| 6. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Water Pollution Control Requirements**

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Oil Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) (40 CFR 112)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. Designation of Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 116)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3. Determination of Reportable Quantities for Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117)                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4. NPDES Permit Requirements (40 CFR 122)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. Toxic Pollutant Effluent Standards (40 CFR 129)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6. General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources (40 CFR 403)                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Point Source Effluent Guidelines and Standards (40 CFR 414)          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 8. Inorganic Chemicals Manufacturing Point Source Effluent Guidelines and Standards (40 CFR 415)        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 9. Plastics and Synthetics Point Source Effluent Guidelines and Standards (40 CFR 416)                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 10. Water Quality Standards   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Effluent Limitations for Direct Dischargers   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 12. Permit Monitoring/Reporting Requirements  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Classifications and Certifications of Operators and Superintendents of Industrial Wastewater Plants | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 14. Collection, Handling, Processing of Sewage Sludge   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 15. Oil Discharge Containment, Control and Cleanup  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 16. Standards Applicable to Indirect Discharges (Pretreatment)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Water Pollution Control Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

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|-----|--------------------------|
| 17. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Drinking Water Regulations**

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Underground Injection and Control Regulations, Criteria and Standards (40 CFR 144, 146) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. National Primary Drinking Water Standards (40 CFR 141)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Community Water Systems, Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (40 CFR 141)             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Permit Requirements for Appropriation/Use of Water from Surface or Subsurface Sources   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Underground Injection Control Requirements  | <input type="checkbox"/> |



6. Monitoring, Reporting and Record keeping Requirements for Community Water Systems ☐

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Drinking Water Regulations Not Listed Above(identify)**

7. ☐  
8. ☐

**Toxic Substances**

1. Manufacture and Import of Chemicals, Record keeping and Reporting Requirements (40 CFR 704) ☐  
2. Import and Export of Chemicals (40 CFR 707) ☐  
3. Chemical Substances Inventory Reporting Requirements (40 CFR 710) ☐  
4. Chemical Information Rules (40 CFR 712) ☐  
5. Health and Safety Data Reporting (40 CFR 716) ☐  
6. Pre-Manufacture Notifications (40 CFR 720) ☐  
7. PCB Distribution Use, Storage and Disposal (40 CFR 761) ☐  
8. Regulations on Use of Fully Halogenated Chlorofluoroalkanes (40 CFR 762) ☐  
9. Storage and Disposal of Waste Material Containing TCDD (40 CFR 775) ☐

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Toxic Substances Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

10. ☐  
11. ☐

**Pesticide Regulations**

1. FIFRA Pesticide Use Classification (40 CFR 162) ☐  
2. Procedures for Disposal and Storage of Pesticides and Containers (40 CFR 165) ☐  
3. Certification of Pesticide Applications (40 CFR 171) ☐  
4. Pesticide Licensing Requirements ☐  
5. Labeling of Pesticides ☐  
6. Pesticide Sales, Permits, Records, Application and Disposal Requirements ☐  
7. Disposal of Pesticide Containers ☐  
8. Restricted Use and Prohibited Pesticides ☐

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Pesticides Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

9. ☐  
10. ☐

**Environmental Clean-Up, Restoration, Corrective Action**

1. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund) (identify)

☐  
☐

2. RCRA Corrective Action (identify)

☐  
☐

**Other Federal, State, Tribal or Local Environmental Clean-Up, Restoration,  
Corrective Action Regulations Not Listed Above (identify)**

3.  
4.

☐  
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